Category #8:

The Guidelines should restrict the use of disinfectant/sanitization products in schools. [1 comment received]

State Response:

Please see the attached document that was sent to all New York State District Superintendents, Superintendents of Schools, Nonpublic School Administrators, and Charter School Administrators, which addresses this comment.

http://www.emsc.nysed.gov/facplan/GreenCleaning/Green_Cleaning_update_050207.html

Public Comment:

Comment #1:

Hand sanitizers and anti-bacterial wipes need to be included - there are not that many out there now, but even among those available, there is a difference in ingredients. These are items that teachers are bringing into their classrooms, which is another issue that should be addressed. Are not all school employees subject to following the "rules"? What good is all of this if the teacher is bringing Clorox clean-up and spraying down or wiping down all the desks, leaving residue for the children's hands? Even better, some do this while the kids are present. This issue too should be incorporated into the final draft to make for a more comprehensive legislation.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. I sincerely hope my comments will be considered. Thank you,
Juliet Thomson